

Attorney Docket No. 06618-408002  
Serial No.: 09/912,804  
Amendment dated January 7, 2004  
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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

New claims 6-10 are added, directed to the technique of using the claimed catalyst ink formed on a roughened surface of a fuel cell.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Cabasso, Narayanan, Denton in view of Cabasso and in view of the Dupont™ publications. In response, claim 1 is amended herewith to recite the subject matter disclosed in the specification that the catalyst ink is formed of a homogeneously mixed solution of catalytic material and poly(vinylidene fluoride).

As explained in the specification, it has been found that more efficient operations are obtained when the materials are homogeneously mixed. None of the cited prior art teaches this homogeneous mixture, and simply adding the two materials together will not provide a homogeneous mixture as claimed. Therefore, claim 1 should be allowable for these reasons, along with the claims which depend therefrom.

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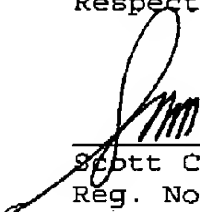
The new claims should be allowable on their own merits, certain one of the new claims include similar limitations to those disclosed above, and those claims should be additionally allowable on their own merits.

A notice of allowance is hence respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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